

Minutes of the May 10, 2006 meeting
Lovettsville Room
Loudoun County Government Center
1 Harrison Street, S.E., Leesburg Virginia

Members Present: Chairman Helen Casey, Benjamin Lawrence, John Isom, Lynn Gibson,
Mark Peterson

Members Absent: Joan Rokus, Vice Chairman, Kurt Erickson, William Hudspeth,
Steven Combs-LaFleur

Meeting called to order at 1:10 p.m. Ben moved acceptance of the minutes after correction of spelling of Courtland Farms was noted. Unanimous. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2006, in the Lovettsville Room. Introductions were made.

Susan Bour of LCSA made a presentation on a sewer line that is to be drilled under Goose Creek to connect Red Cedar sewer line to Evergreen and on to Brambleton line. The original plan to have a communal treatment plant was changed when the County allowed central utilities in the Transition Zone, in which lie both Red Cedar and Evergreen. Odyssey, the company that did the drilling under Goose Creek between the two properties at Courtland Farms will be the contractor. The line will be drilled 20' under the creek bed. There will be much disturbance of the area within the 300' setback on either side of the creek. Ms. Bour stated that she will monitor the work very closely to be sure that degradation is minimal and the area restored to its previous condition. LCSA also will maintain the sewer line easement to keep the line free from sapling roots. The line will be in an 8' pipe inside a 16' casing/sleeve. It will be possible to upgrade the size to 12" or 14" without re-drilling if necessary in the future.

Another concern of the Committee: The location of the work area is within the 300' scenic easement. Ms. Bour will try to narrow the work area and if possible move it back from the stream edge. She will email answers to our concerns. The project is anticipated to begin by July.

Mr. Larry Delay, a real estate broker, made a presentation on the Shipley property on Hearford Lane, abutting the Goose Creek Reservoir. This is 7 ½ acres between North Goose Creek Village and property owned by Richard Coffman. It is zoned PDIP. It probably does not have to go through Planning Dept. Concerns are that a very dense use of the property is possible. Marie said density credits would apply so that any buildings might be away from the desired 300' setback from Goose Creek.

Anne Larson reported her concern about the periods of dryness on Catoctin Creek, possibly caused by the Town of Purcellville drawing down water from the Catoctin

watershed for its water and sewer treatment and emptying it into the Goose Creek watershed.

The Chairman called for election of officers at our next meeting. Asked Ben to draw up a slate of candidates. There has been no official reply from DCR office on removal of a committee member, although advice will be forthcoming. The Chairman mentioned a student, Shannon Groves, who has been monitoring the creeks and ponds in her Ashburn area for two years. She will be invited to attend our meeting in July. Photos of the bluebells at Coton Bridge, taken by a resident of Lansdowne's Leisure World, and one of the opening of the two new parks at Lansdowne were shared by the Chairman. Ms. Casey and Ms. Rokus attended the park ceremony.

The watershed forum report was made by Ms. Casey and Mark Peterson. They have been attending meetings for several months on the subject.

The Paths and Trails Policy will be taken up in July to make any changes necessary.

Marie will double check on the A-3 zoning of Meadowkirk.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Guests: Susan Bour, LCSA

Larry Delay, Hearford Lane property broker

Anne Larson, Liaison to Friends of Catoctin Creek

Minutes submitted by Helen E. Casey, Chairman